

HA-1390

1903-1906

House
25 E. Courtland Street
Bel Air
public

This house is not quite a typical small house of the period. It looks somewhat like the shotgun workingman's house, but it is wider. The two story shed-roofed bay window in the south bay of the east elevation is an attempt to add a touch of style, as is the front porch on doric columns.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-1390
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

25 E. Courtland Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒PUBLIC

___PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒OTHER: charitable

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Harford County

Telephone #: 838-6000

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 878

Folio #: 986

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small frame house with asphalt shingle siding is at 25 E. Courtland in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It presents its gable end to the street; one square casement window occupies the gable. Other windows in the building are 1/1 double-hung sash. The front (north) porch has a shed roof with saw-tooth spandrels, supported on slim doric columns. The balusters are square and there is a square newel by the front steps. The main entrance is in the west bay of the north elevation. The door has a single pane of glass over two panels. The east elevation has a two story rectangular bay window in the south bay. It has a pair of 1/1 windows with the short (north and south) sides being blind.

Against the rear (south) elevation is a one story shed addition - or rather a pair of them. The west addition was there in 1930. It was probably the kitchen. The eastern one was added after 1930 and has the look of an enclosed porch.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

NA-1390

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="radio"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="radio"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1903-1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small shotgun house was probably built either in 1903 after Joseph Deckman bought the lot from John L. G. Lee for \$212 (104/498) or in 1906 after Clarence Purcell bought it from Deckman (120/25). C. Robie Grafton bought the lot in 1912 (137/293) and had his buggy and runabout shop there for a while before moving across Hickory (then Dallam Place) to where the firehouse is today. In 1912 he sold the property to William George and Clara Forsythe who probably built the other house on the lot, 102 S. Hickory. Their daughter Anna Virginia France sold both houses to the County Commissioners in 1971 (878/986). The local churches maintain a used clothing distribution center there today.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies the west end of parcel #877 in the Town of Bel Air.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn M. Larew, Architectural Historian

25 September 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 21 STATE CIRCLE SHAW HOUSE ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form		SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1390 NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER: UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: PRESENT FORMAL NAME: House	
COUNTY: Harford TOWN: Bel Air		ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:	
LOCATION: 25 E. Courtland		PRESENT USE: clothing collection center ORIGINAL USE: private residence ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
COMMON NAME: Clothing Center		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence OWNER: Harford County ADDRESS: 45 S. Main Bel Air, Md.		PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent() Good() Fair() Poor(X)	
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes() No() Restricted(X)		THEME: Architecture	
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local(X) State() National()		STYLE: Vernacular	
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System		DATE BUILT: 1903 or 1906	
1. Foundation: Stone() Brick() Concrete() Concrete Block(X) 2. Wall Structure A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam() Balloon() B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick() Stone() Concrete() Concrete Block() C. Iron() D. Steel() E. Other: 3. Wall Covering: Clapboard() Board and Batten() Wood Shingle() Shiplap() Novelty() Stucco() Sheet Metal() Aluminum() Asphalt Shingle(X) Brick Veneer() Stone Veneer() Bonding Pattern: Other: 4. Roof Structure A. Truss: Wood() Iron() Steel() Concrete() B. Other: 5. Roof Covering: Slate() Wood Shingle() Asphalt Shingle(X) Sheet Metal() Built Up() Rolled() Tile() Other: 6. Engineering Structure: 7. Other:			
Appendages: Porches(X) Towers() Cupolas() Dormers() Chimneys() Sheds() Ells(X) Wings() Other:			
Roof Style: Gable(X) Hip() Shed() Flat() Mansard() Gambrel() Jerkinhead() Saw Tooth() With Monitor() With Bellcast() With Parapet() With False Front() Other:			
Number of Stories: 2½ Number of Bays: 2 Approximate Dimensions: 20' x 35' inc. porch			
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat() Zoning() Roads() Development(X) Deterioration(X) Alteration() Other:		LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive() Negative() Mixed() Other:	

Entrance Location: E. Courtland

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

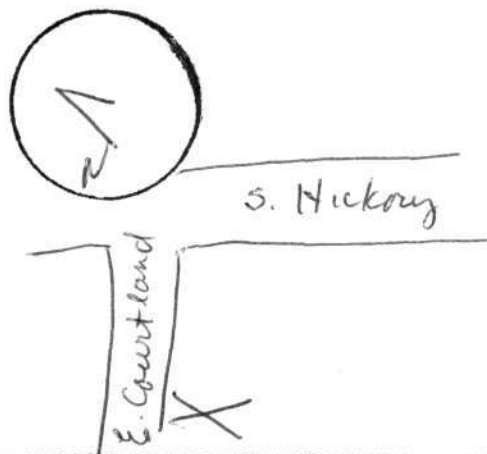
gable end to street one sq. casement in front
 windows 1/1; shed roof porch on slim doric columns
 sq. balusters & 1 sq newel/ entrance in W bay 1/over 2 panel
 side = 2 bays two story rectangular bay window in
 S bay/ pr 1/1 windows E elev
 back gable blind
 kitchen ell or porch or both - shed roof. 4/3 panel door
 in E elev/ 6 wooden steps up & wooden handrail

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
 Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
 Residential(✓) Commercial(✓)
 Agricultural() Industrial()
 Roadside Strip Development()
 Other:

Marilynn M. Larew

RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

24 September 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 102 S. Hickory/25 E. Courtland

878/986

13 July 1971
Anna Virginia France & Earl
to
Harford County Commissioners
49.84' x 123.81'
Virginia France (née Forsythe) is the heir
of William George and Clara Forsythe
Mr. Forsythe died first, Mrs. Forsythe died
in 1937 (will 20/56).

139/143

24 December 1912
C. Robie Grafton and Anna
to
William George Forsythe and Clara

137/293

29 June 1912
Clarence M. Purcell, widower, John & Florida
Deckman, and John L. G. Lee
to
C. Robie Grafton
several parcels
The Deckmans and Lee join to eliminate an error

120/25

23 August 1906
Joseph T. Deckman & Florida
to
Clarence N. Purcell
50' x 150'

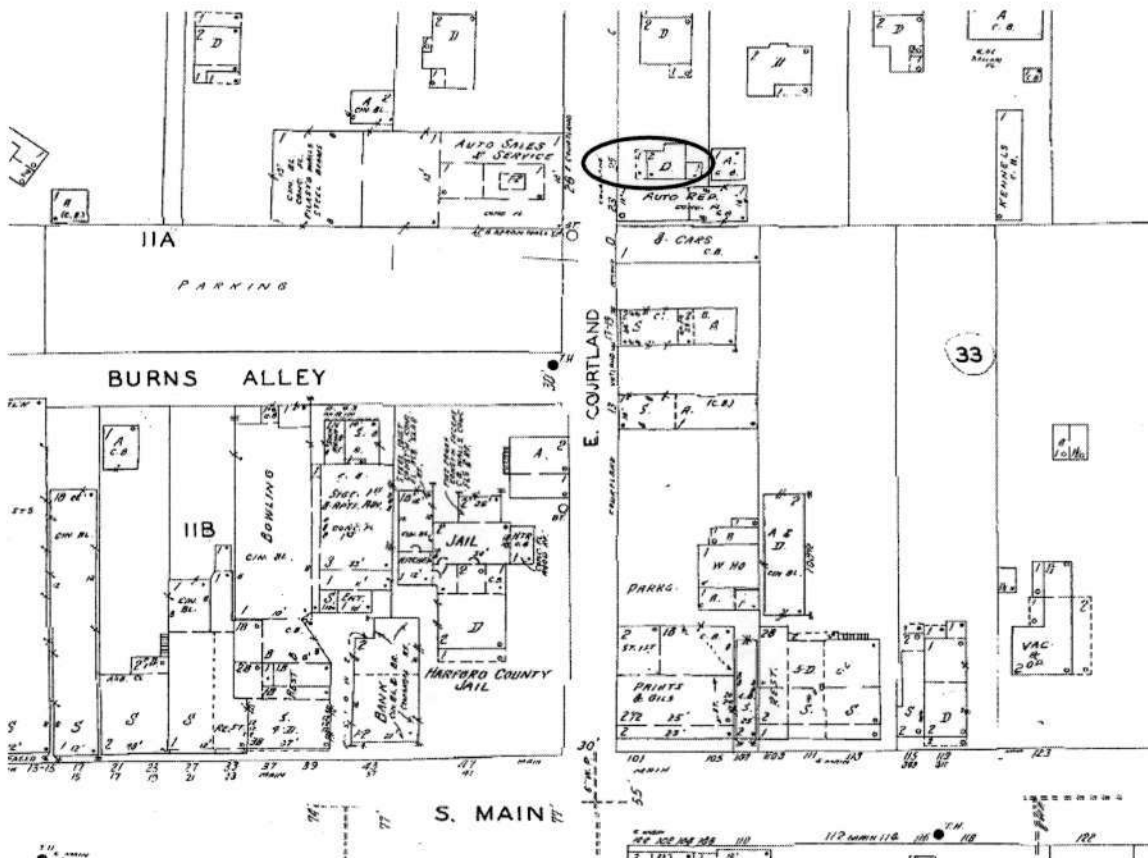
104/498

25 October 1902
John L. G. Lee
to
Joseph T. Deckman
\$212

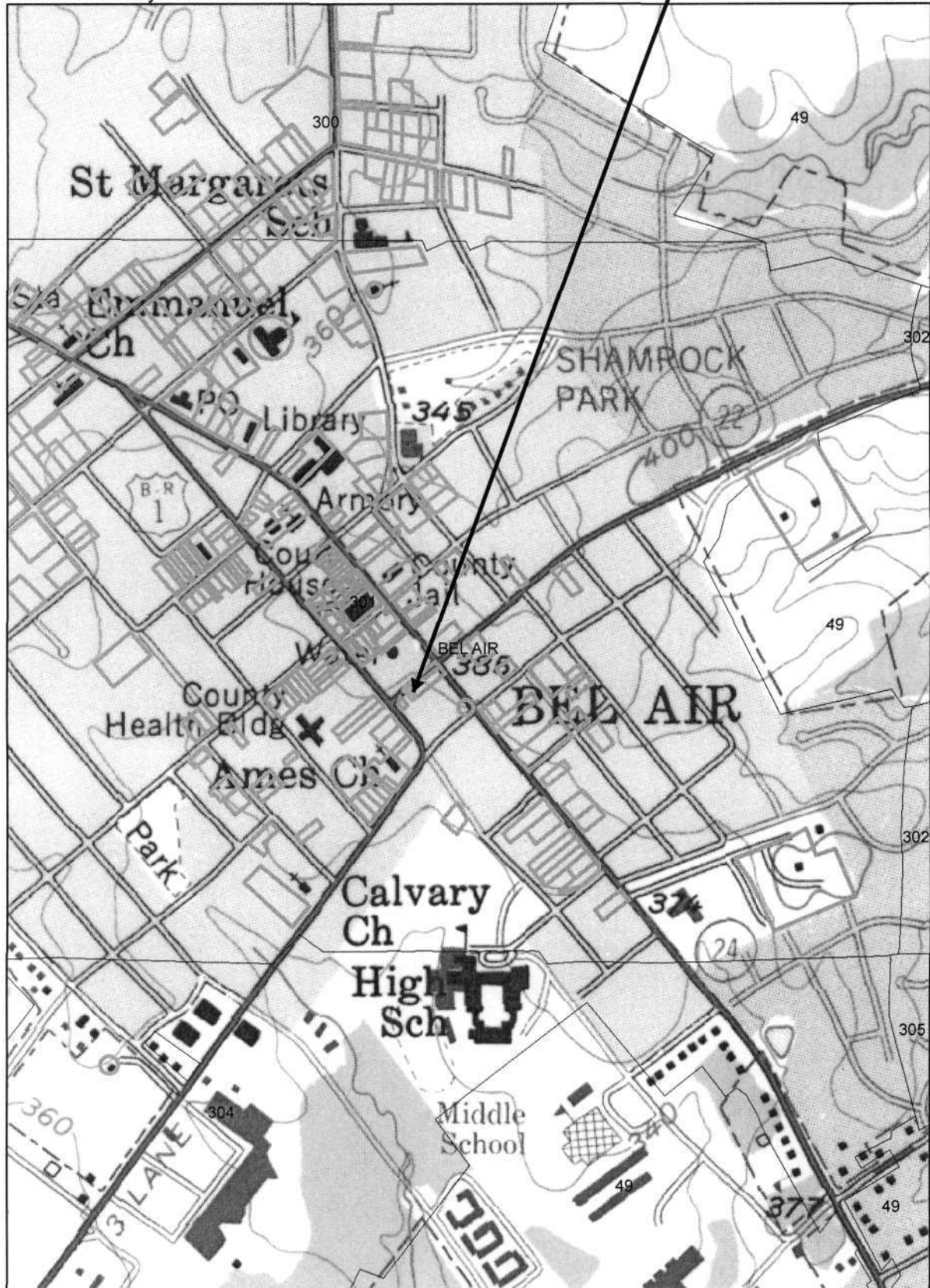
100/388

29 October 1900
Charles L. Dallam & Isabel, & Fireside
Permanent Building Association
to
John L. G. Lee
\$200

HA-1390
 Forsythe-France House
 25 E. Courtland St.
 Bel Air
 Sanborn Bel Air Aug. 1930-Sept. 1961
 Harford County

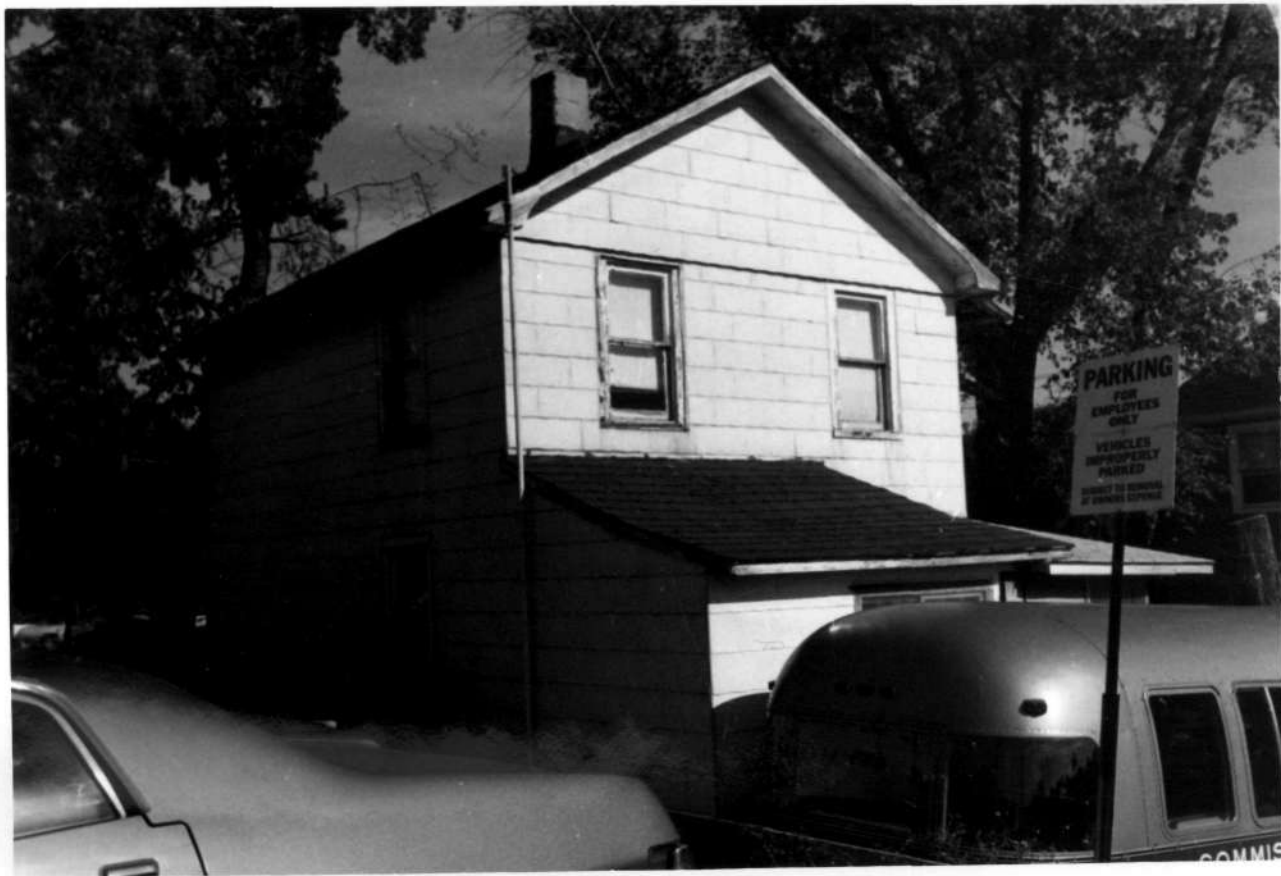


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Forsythe-France House
Courtland Street
Bel Air
Bel Air Quad
Harford County





HA- 1390 House, 25 E. Courtland, Bel Air
e + n elev
M. Larew, 1979



LAG- 1390

House, 25 E. Courtland, Bel Air
w + s elev

M. Larew, 1979



H.A. 1390

House, 25 E. Courtland, Belair
near (S) elev
M. Lamo, 1979